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7 8	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT SEATTLE	
9	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	
10	Plaintiff,	NO. CR 06-189 TSZ
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12	VS.	ORDER CONTINUING TRIAL TO NOVEMBER 20, 2006
13	VAN X. BENNUM and CHERYL B. SILVERIA,	
14	Defendants.	
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16	This matter has come before the undersigned Court by stipulation and motion of	
17	counsel, the United States through the United States Attorney for the Western District of	
18	Washington, Jill Otake, Assistant United States Attorney, and the defendants through	
19	counsel, Brian Tsuchida for Ms. Silveria and counsel Lennard Nahajski for	
20	Mr. Bennum. The Court being fully advised in the matter, now finds the following:	
21	The trial was scheduled for September 18, 2006. The defendants Van Bennum	
22	and Cheryl Silveria are waiving their speedy trial rights until November 27, 2006, which	
23	is beyond the new trial date of November 20, 2006. The motion is made because	
24	defendant Silveria made her first appearance on August 18, 2006. Her attorney was	
25	appointed to represent her in this case on that day. If this continuance were not granted,	

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the parties agree that Ms. Silveria would not have sufficient time to adequately prepare a defense of her case and would therefore be denied effective assistance of counsel and a fair trial.

The Court has considered the time limitations for trial and speedy trial concerns set forth in Title 18, United States Code, Section 3161.

Section 3161(h) outlines the periods of excludable time, including:

(8)(A) Any period of delay resulting from a continuance granted by any judge on his own motion or at the request of the defendant or his counsel or at the request of the attorney for the Government, if the judge granted such continuance on the basis of his findings that the ends of justice served by taking such action outweigh the best interest of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial. No such period of delay resulting from a continuance granted by the court in accordance with this paragraph shall be excludable under this subsection unless the court sets forth, in the record of the case, either orally or in writing, its reasons for finding that the ends of justice served by the granting of such continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial.

In this matter, the Court finds that pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161 (h)(8)(A) and § 3161 (h)(8)(B)(ii) and (iv), the ends of justice served by continuing the trial date from September 18, 2006 to November 20, 2006, outweigh the best interests of the public and defendant to a speedy trial. The Court further finds it reasonable and necessary to continue the trial date as Ms. Silveria would be denied effective assistance of counsel and a fair trial without additional time to prepare an adequate defense. Therefore, the trial date is continued from September 18, 2006, to November 20, 2006. Pretrial motions shall be filed no later than November 1, 2006.

DONE this 23rd day of August, 2006.

Thomas S. Zilly

United States District Judge

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